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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Berman moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 236 - 251

and insert:

(a) Provide comprehensive, medically accurate, and factual information that is developmentally and age appropriate. As used in this paragraph, the term:

1. "Comprehensive information" means information that:

a. Helps young people gain knowledge about the physical, biological, and hormonal changes of adolescence and subsequent stages of human maturation;



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b. Develops the knowledge and skills necessary to protect young people with respect to their sexual and reproductive health and to promote an understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development;

c. Helps young people gain knowledge about responsible decisionmaking and consent;

d. Is culturally competent and appropriate for use with young people of any race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or ethnic or cultural background;

e. Develops healthy attitudes and behaviors concerning growth, development, and body image;

f. Encourages young people to practice healthy life skills, including negotiation and refusal skills, to assist in overcoming peer pressure and use effective decisionmaking skills to avoid high-risk activities;

g. Promotes self-esteem and positive interpersonal skills, focusing on skills needed to develop healthy relationships and interactions, and provides young people with the knowledge and skills necessary to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors; and

h. Includes medically accurate information about all methods of contraception and each method's effectiveness rate, including, but not limited to, abstinence.

2. "Developmentally and age appropriate" means suitable for particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents based on the developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for that age or age group.

3. "Factual information" includes, but is not limited to, medical, psychiatric, psychological, empirical, and statistical



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statements.

4. "Medically accurate information" means information relevant to informed decisionmaking which is based on scientific evidence, consistent with generally recognized scientific theory, identified under accepted scientific methods, published in peer-reviewed journals, and recognized as accurate, objective, and complete by mainstream professional organizations, including, but not limited to, the American Medical Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Public Health Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics; government agencies, including the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States Food and Drug Administration, and the National Institutes of Health; and scientific advisory groups, including The National Academy of Medicine and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The deliberate withholding of information that is needed to protect the life and health of an individual is considered medically inaccurate.

~~(a) Teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage.~~

~~(b) Emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity is a certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and other associated health problems.~~

(b)(e) Teach that each student has the power to control personal behavior and encourage students to base actions on reasoning, self-esteem, and respect for others.

(c)(d) Provide instruction and material that is



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70 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
71 And the title is amended as follows:
72 Delete line 28
73 and insert:
74 regarding human sexuality; defining terms; requiring
75 the department to